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BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, December 14, 1976

10:00 o'clock a.m.

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# P R O C E E D I N G S

. . . . The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission convened on Tuesday, December 14, 1976, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in Room 102 of the Wild Life and Fisheries Building, 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, Doyle G. Berry, Chairman, presiding. . . .

## PRESENT WERE:

DOYLE G. BERRY, Chairman

HARVEY C. LUTTRELL, Vice Chairman

MARC DUPUY, Member

J. C. (SONNY) GILBERT, Member

DONALD F. WILLE, Member

J. BURTON ANGELLE, Director

## A G E N D A

1. Approval of minutes of November 23, 1976. (4)

DR. LYLE ST. AMANT

2. Renewal of permit to remove fill material (5)  
from St. Malo Channel, expiring on  
January 28, 1977, for Louisiana Cement  
Division of OKC Corporation.



3. Proposal of Radcliff Materials, Inc. re Three (6)  
Parish Shell Dredging Lease.

MR. HARRY SCHAFER

4. Discussion of closing date for current season (7;  
on state oyster grounds. 17)

MR. JOE HERRING

5. Cancellation of lease on Concordia Wildlife (12)  
Management Area by Panola Land Company.

MR. KENNETH SMITH

6. Discussion of bids of pump and water well at (17)  
Beechwood Fish Hatchery.

OTHER BUSINESS

7. Discussion re CONSERVATIONIST magazine. (24)
8. Set date for public hearings on appeal on  
Section 26 of the Guidelines and Pro-  
cedures for Administration for Natural  
and Scenic Rivers Systems Act.
9. Set dates for public hearings relative to (26)  
Act 576 of the 1976 Legislature.
10. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman. (37)
11. Set date for January meeting. (39)

The following items not on the printed agenda were  
also considered:



Introduction of new Commission Member, (4)

J. C. (Sonny) Gilbert.

Report on chlorine gas spill, Baton Rouge. (15)

Presentation to retiring Commission Member (19)

Jimmie Thompson.

Introduction of new press member, Miss (37)

Valerie Haynes.

Set date for public meetings on hunting (39)

seasons and bag limits.

Adjournment. (42)



CHAIRMAN DOYLE G. BERRY: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. We are glad to have you with us this morning.

Before we get into the regular meeting I would like to introduce one of our new members, Mr. Sonny Gilbert, on my right down here. Sonny has served for something like 16 years in the Legislature. He has been an avid sportsman and fisherman. He has done a lot to help the Commission do a job for the people of this State. He has always helped us in the Legislature and hopefully he knows where the bodies are buried and when we need something for the next time, he and Burt together can go up and get it for us.

We are glad to have you with us.

MR. J. C. GILBERT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: The first item on the agenda is approval of the minutes of the meeting of November 23. Do I have a motion?

MR. WILLE: I so move.

MR. LUTTRELL: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Wille and



seconded by Mr. Luttrell. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

Hearing none, so ordered.

Harry, are you going to handle Dr. St. Amant's stuff this morning? He is ill, I believe.

MR. HARRY SCHAFER: Yes. Mr. Chairman, we have a request for renewal of a permit to remove fill material from St. Malo Channel from the Louisiana Cement Division of OKC Corporation. We have examined this request and find that it meets the requirements of the Commission and therefore we would suggest approval.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. Do I have a motion?

MR. LUTTRELL: I so move.

MR. DUPUY: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Dupuy raised his hand; he can't talk this morning, he has lost his voice.

All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?



(No response)

Hearing none, so ordered.

(The full text of the  
resolution is here made  
a part of the record.)

BE IT RESOLVED that the  
Louisiana Department of Wild Life and  
Fisheries does hereby grant permission  
to LOUISIANA CEMENT DIVISION, OKC COR-  
PORATION, for the dredging of fill  
material from St. Malo Channel for a  
period of one year from January 28, 1977  
to January 28, 1978, at a royalty of  
five cents per cubic yard.

THE CHAIRMAN: Item No. 3. Mr. Lennox,  
I think you want to make a statement on that.

MR. EDWARD LENNOX: Mr. Chairman and  
Members of the Commission, on January 15, 1976,  
Radcliff Materials by letter to Dr. St. Amant made  
a proposal regarding what the Commission terms the  
Three Parish Lease in the Atchafalaya Bay and the  
matter has been under continuous consideration  
since that time by staff and by various members of



the Commission, but in light of the fact that Mr. Gilbert is attending his first meeting and I have not had a chance to go into every facet of the matter with him, I ask that you defer this until the January meeting.

THE CHAIRMAN: Very good. Thank you, Mr. Lennox. We will do that. Pie, if you will make a note and put that on the January agenda.

Mr. Schafer.

MR. SCHAFFER: Mr. Chairman, in compliance with Section 433 of the Louisiana Statutes, the Oyster Division met with the industry on December 1 to get opinions for the closure of the present season, which can be closed anywhere from January 1 through May 20.

We got all kinds of consensus, and it seemed to be the strong point from the industry for April 1 and May 20. There were talks of compromise at that time, possibly April 20 closure, and I think most of them agree that the three-inch law should be enforced out there. We do have some oyster people here and if you would like to turn the microphone over to them to hear some of their





comments --

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, I would. I would like to have comments from the audience. Is there anyone who would like to make a comment on the oysters this morning? Surely with all of you oyster people, you have something to say.

MR. STANLEY PAUSINA: Mr. Chairman, my name is Stanley Pausina and I was asked to represent the Louisiana Oyster Dealers and Growers Association.

The Oyster Dealers and Growers Association recommends that the Louisiana state reefs be closed April 1, 1977, for the following reasons:

1. Wild Life and Fisheries' job is to supply seed oysters on the seed grounds, which has not been done this year.

2. The lack of fresh water to seed areas, whereby a very small catch of juvenile oysters were produced.

3. The Department did not have any action in preventing these two problems whereby they could have planted shells to help the oyster industry and to allow more fresh water.



To sum up our recommendations, the Oyster Dealers and Growers Association asks Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to close the grounds on April 1, 1977, so that the seed oysters that are on the state grounds will remain there for the next season and that any young catch of oysters shall not be destroyed in April and in May. To control the amount of fresh water into the seed ground areas, you can't depend on Mother Nature any longer. The Wild Life and Fisheries must control the problem, the fresh water, the amounts of water to be allowed in the seed ground areas. The planting of clam shells should take place this year. The Wild Life and Fisheries Department should plant at least \$700,000 worth of clam shells to help the oyster industry, if they want to see us go forward and progress.

The Louisiana Oyster Dealers and Growers Association thanks you very much for listening to our petition.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Stanley. We appreciate the recommendation there.

Is there anybody else representing the



oyster industry who would like to be heard this morning?

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: Stanley, would you give me a copy of those recommendations?

MR. PAUSINA: Yes, sir.

MR. KENNETH FOX: Members of the Commission, I am Kenneth Fox. I have been before you previously. I am representing the United Oyster Growers.

We ask that you members consider the May 20 closure. We see that there is no reason this year why you members should consider closing it earlier. Biologically, your biologists can show you that this year we have a record catch of seed oysters on the grounds out there, which is good for the future, not the past. What they speak of is the past. We had a poor seed oyster season this past year, but the following year coming 1977 we have a record catch, according to your biologists.

Also, economically our oysters off the state reefs now are bringing top dollar. This is keeping people off the food stamp program and it



is keeping people working. The oysters are very good. We don't see why that there should be any consideration of closing it at this time early, especially on this year. No one can stand up and say how much loss we will have by closing the season early, so therefore we recommend that you all consider going according to what the State set aside this year as May 20 for the regular season.

I thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, sir.

Does anybody else wish to be heard?

Harry, do you have any comments you want to make?

MR. SCHAFER: Mr. Chairman, since you have heard the two dates mentioned, April 1 and May 20, and possibly to give our biologists a little more time, we might delay setting the closure of the season until our March meeting. That would still give us time if we decide on the April 1 closing to get it closed and advertise it and also give our biologists enough additional time to look at the oyster crop out there.

I would recommend that we not set a closure today and we will continue to enforce the three-



inch law out there.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Schafer.  
Mr. Herring.

MR. JOE HERRING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The only item we have, we received a notice from Mr. Howard P. Peabody, Jr., president of Panola Land and Development Company, asking that we cancel their lease on our Concordia Wildlife Management Area. They do have this in the lease that they can cancel the lease with a 90-day notice. They are giving this so that we will be out on April 3.

I would recommend that we go ahead and honor this as they are selling this land to Mr. George Eames of Ferriday.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, you have heard the recommendation.

MR. WILLE: I so move.

MR. DUPUY: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: We have a motion by Mr. Wille, seconded by Mr. Dupuy. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed?



(No response)

Hearing none, so ordered.

MR. WILLE: How many acres?

MR. HERRING: There are about 6,500 acres, Don. They have 6,500 acres in there. This will leave approximately 1200 acres that we have from Fisher Lumber Company still in there. We will just go ahead and maintain that as a public area. We will not keep anybody on it but it will be just an area there left open for public use with the Fisher people until that lease expires.

MR. WILLE: Ten-four.

MR. HERRING: We also should recognize these people. We have had this land for quite some time as a wildlife management area. It has provided good deer hunting, some duck hunting, squirrel hunting and rabbit hunting, and we do appreciate their lease.

MR. WILLE: We should have a resolution of thanks from the Commission.

MR. HERRING: That will be good. We will do that, because any time we get this land free, we appreciate it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.



(The full text of the  
resolution is here made  
a part of the record.)

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild  
Life and Fisheries Commission has  
received notice from the Panola Land and  
Development Company for cancellation of  
their lease on the Concordia Wildlife  
Management Area, and

WHEREAS, Panola Land and  
Development Company has requested that  
this cancellation be effective three  
months after January 3, 1977, and

WHEREAS, their lands consist  
of approximately 6,500 acres in the  
Concordia Wildlife Management Area, and

WHEREAS, the Panola Land and  
Development Company has provided great  
service to the public hunters and fish-  
ermen in making this land available to  
the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries  
Commission free of charge,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED



that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission honor their request for cancellation and notify the Panola Land and Development Company President and extend the Commission's thanks to the Company for their service to the public in the past.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: Mr. Herring, would you assess the Board also of some of your observations in the field caused by the chlorine gas situation over there in Baton Rouge.

MR. HERRING: Thank you, Mr. Director.

That spill occurred near Baton Rouge Friday and it just so happened that some of the enforcement agents, Joe Rosenthal and some others, happened to be up in the north end of the Parish about that time and they kind of kept up with it over the weekend. We also had some of our other personnel to go in yesterday, Cecil Acoste from District VI and his personnel, and look on the west side of the river to see if there was any wildlife damage there. Also we have some personnel today on the east side of the river, looking





to see if we have had any wildlife damages.

From both the enforcement personnel there and the Game Division personnel who have been looking at that, we have not found anything yet. Now they have been looking in the woods for possibly small birds or something they could find in there that the chlorine could have killed, but at this time we have found none and so we think that there has been no damage at this time to wildlife from any of the chlorine spill.

However, we will continue this week just to look for any small animals or anything. It doesn't have to be necessarily game animals we are concerned with. We will be looking for the non-game species as well in there, the birds and other things. But at this time with the efforts that the various divisions of the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission have put in there, we have found nothing there, so we can kind of be thankful for that. Possibly the chlorine dissipated enough by the time it hit the wooded areas in there that there was no damage to the wildlife species there, so we will keep a surveillance on it, though.



THE CHAIRMAN: Joe, you heard what the Governor said -- send the bill to Allied Chemical!

MR. HERRING: O. K., if we find anything we will do that then. Maybe they have insurance on that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: For the benefit of the oyster people here this morning, we are going to discuss this closing date in the January and February meetings and according to Mr. Schafer's recommendation a while ago, we will take some action on that in March. We will try to get some more input on it and try to make the right decision.

Mr. Kenneth Smith.

MR. KENNETH SMITH: Mr. Chairman, at the last meeting I discussed with the Commission bids that had been received for drilling of a water well on Beechwood Fish Hatchery as well as providing a pump on this well.

You authorized the Director to enter into a contract with the low overall bidder, Layne-Louisiana of Lake Charles, who bid \$34,500, but he was very low on his base bid so this is the



authorization you provided the Director, to enter into a contract with the base bid only.

Since then we have had a representative from the company to indicate to the Commission that he could save us money further on the pump, which was an alternate to the base bid.

Mr. Chairman, if the Commission could approve my meeting with the Department of Public Works and representatives from Layne-Louisiana, and if he can come up with a reasonable proposal on this matter, I could bring this back to the Director. If he approves, then I would like to get the authorization from the Commission for the Director to enter into a contract for the full amount with Layne-Louisiana, who is overall low bidder on this amount. We think this is a reasonable approach.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, you have heard Mr. Smith's recommendation.

MR. DUPUY: I so move.

MR. LUTTRELL: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Dupuy and seconded by Mr. Luttrell. All in favor say aye.



IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

So ordered.

Mr. Thompson, would you come forward at this time?

I guess all of you know Mr. Thompson is leaving the Commission, or has left the Commission, after a number of years of what I would say good service. I have served on a lot of boards around the country, some national and international boards. I have never had the pleasure and distinction of serving with a better board member than Jimmie Thompson nor a man more dedicated to what he is doing than Jimmie Thompson has been.

I just want to say on behalf of the Commission, Jimmie, and myself, as I present you with this plaque, thank you for a job well done.

MR. JIMMIE THOMPSON: Thank you, Doyle. I appreciate that. It is beautiful.

(Plaque was here presented to Mr. Thompson and photographs were taken of presentation.)



THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Director, since you are a better reader than I am, would you read this for the record's sake?

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Jimmie, this is a resolution prepared by the staff of the Commission. I think we offer it to you on behalf of all the sportsmen of the State of Louisiana for your wonderful service to the State. It is signed by the Chairman of the Commission and Members of the Commission, along with the Director, Assistant Directors, and those that are not here, we will get it signed for you and mail it on to you. It says (reading):

WHEREAS, Jimmie Thompson has served the people of Louisiana for over eleven years as a member of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, and during that period of time also served for two years as Chairman of the Commission and twice served for brief periods as Acting Director, and

WHEREAS, during those years of unselfish service to the State of Louisiana



he demonstrated outstanding knowledge of the value of Louisiana's wild life and fisheries resources and the growing need for wise management and proper utilization of those resources and for well over a decade his interest and concern for sound management of all forms of wildlife earned for him the respect of thousands of Louisiana sportsmen, and

WHEREAS, he was a staunch advocate of the Commission's land acquisition program and during the eleven years he served on the Commission, 176,154 of the present total of 240,000 acres of land acquired outright were purchased to provide areas for public use for all time, and

WHEREAS, many of the programs of activity which have brought prestige and national recognition to the Commission were conceived and formulated during the years he served on the



Commission and during the many years he served as a Member of the Commission he had occasion to work with and become acquainted with many of the staff members who now consider him a personal friend and his many years of service to the people of Louisiana in the capacity of Member of the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission have earned for him the respect and admiration of numerous sportsmen and conservation groups and associations,

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby express to Mr. Jimmie Thompson its gratitude and deep respect for the major contributions he has made to wise management and perpetuation of Louisiana's wildlife resources.

Mr. Jimmie, we would like for you to hang it up on your mantel.

MR. THOMPSON: Thank you.

(Applause)



THE CHAIRMAN: Jimmie, I want you to come back and see us when you will and I for one appreciate your good judgment and your wise counsel.

MR. THOMPSON: I appreciate that and of course you all know that I have been the one who has gained on the Wild Life and Fisheries. I don't know whether the Wild Life and Fisheries have but I certainly have gained by being a member of this Commission. I think it would behoove me at this time to tell everyone here what my true feelings are and if the press so sees fit to tell the public, that the public certainly ought to be pleased and happy that they have this Wild Life and Fisheries Commission as well as this Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries staff. You have some of the best. I know there are some problems here and there, but you are lucky as a citizen of Louisiana to have this Wild Life and Fisheries Commission. There are lots of states that don't have anything like this, and it has surely been my pleasure to be here with you all.

Thank you, everybody.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Jimmie.





Mr. Director, do you want to handle this CONSERVATIONIST matter, No. 7.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: Mr. Chairman, I understand a few years ago the Commission took action whereby the CONSERVATIONIST magazine was printed six times a year, every other month. In the interest of and in the spirit of economizing because of the dwindling revenues of the Commission, after looking at many, many other areas, the staff and the fiscal officer looking at many other areas where dollars could be saved, it is our recommendation that we print the magazine four times a year, every three months, now, saving approximately \$75,000, not to begin until July 1 of next year, because we have the money appropriated this year for the continuation of the every-other-month publication.

Also, if need be, starting July 1, 1977, we are monitoring and gathering data on paid subscription, and it looks like we may have to be going in that direction because of the tightness of our dollars. We are spending approximately \$400,000 a year on printing of the magazine,



including the staff, the postage, the printing contract and all other associated costs. We hope to be able to reduce that to some degree and hopefully still provide a good magazine and in time if we can provide some additional revenue, then we can go back to the six issues, every other month.

I would suggest that the Chair entertain a motion that at the proper time the CONSERVATION-IST magazine be reduced from six publications to four publications a year.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, you have heard the recommendation. Do I have a motion?

MR. LUTTRELL: I so move.

MR. DUPUY: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Clay and seconded by Mr. Dupuy. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

Hearing none, so ordered.

Mr. Martinez, No. 8, to set the date for public hearings on appeal on Section 26. Are you going to handle that, Peter?



MR. PETER DUFFY: This is the hearing on the Scenic Rivers?

THE CHAIRMAN: Right.

MS. PENDLEY: I think we said yesterday that we would set that at the January meeting for February.

MR. LUTTRELL: That was my understanding, right, that it would be taken up in January.

THE CHAIRMAN: No. 9, Burt.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission, during the last legislative session, an act (Act 576) provides for the Commission to have public hearings as it relates to the controversy between sports fishing and commercial fishing. The Act provides that this Commission have hearings throughout the coast and recommend to the legislature a means of solving the controversy whereby the sports fishermen and the commercial fishermen are competing for the same species at the same place and at the same time.

After three years of playing with it in Baton Rouge at these committee hearings and



the legislative session, they have been unable to resolve the problem, so they have hung on this Commission the task of going through the southern part of the State, having public hearings and making a recommendation to the legislature, hopefully to resolve the problem and the controversy between the sportsmen and the commercial fishermen, mostly as it relates to gill netting of speckled trout and redfish.

What I am saying is that we need to set some dates for January, February and March and probably wrap it up in early April, because the legislature will meet in April this year. I could not second-guess your minds when you wanted it so we have got a calendar here and we have got to agree on dates. They have to be published in the Administrative Procedures Act. We have got to go through the system. We would like to have your input on it, Mr. Chairman and the other Commission Members.

THE CHAIRMAN: We should start holding meetings in February, is that right?

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: I would suggest January.



THE CHAIRMAN: January?

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: The 24th and 25th are our regular meeting dates. Then, just suggestions from the Commission members. Maybe have one in January and see how that one goes, and end up with a couple of them in February, besides the regular meeting. We are talking about basically the coastal area.

MR. WILLE: Don't you think, Mr. Chairman, in line with this thing if it is going to be a public type hearing, that we should try to hold them on Friday and Saturday, to get the maximum number of people in there for the input?

THE CHAIRMAN: I don't think it is necessary to hold a two-day meeting. Do you, Burt?

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: No, I don't think that is necessary.

MR. WILLE: Maybe Saturday then. You know, I don't know how the rest of you feel about it but if the working man needs to get to the meeting, if we could do it on a Saturday, I know it would inconvenience us and probably the rest of the Commission, but I think we should try to serve



the public better.

MR. YANCEY: We might have a night meeting.

MR. WILLE: Or a night meeting, that would be fine, too, but I think we definitely should keep the public in mind, that they have to work, and we need to get as much input as we can on this thing.

MR. YANCEY: We have good turnouts at the night meetings.

THE CHAIRMAN: I have a recommendation here from Marc that looks pretty good to me. On the 29th of January, have one on Saturday, the 29th, in Lafayette. Lake Charles on 12 February and Morgan City on 26 February.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: These are fine but you are going to have to go a little bit further south and east than Morgan City. You have to get into that Houma-Theriot-Chauvin area. This is where the controversy is. And have a meeting in Baton Rouge also, where the sportsmen originate from, and this is where the controversy is also generated.



THE CHAIRMAN: You don't think you have pretty good sports output there in Morgan City, Burt?

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: Oh, have one in Morgan City also. I am saying you have to have some additional ones besides Morgan City.

THE CHAIRMAN: We have to have one in Baton Rouge.

MR. WILLE: And one in Houma.

THE CHAIRMAN: How about on the 22nd of January in Baton Rouge?

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: What would be your recommendation, Harry? Houma?

MR. SCHAFER: Houma is a good place.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: That will kind of wrap up the area?

MR. SCHAFER: You take in Chauvin and you take in that whole area. Houma usually has a pretty good turnout.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: Baton Rouge?

MR. SCHAFER: I think you should have one in Baton Rouge and you should have one in New Orleans also.



MR. WILLE: We could do that. Couldn't we do that at our regular meeting? Could we work it in?

THE CHAIRMAN: We have Lake Charles set for February 12. Do you think we need to have one in Lafayette if we have one in Lake Charles and Morgan City?

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: I personally think you could skip Lafayette. I think you need to go to Lake Charles and you will pick up the overrun from Lafayette in either Lake Charles or Morgan City.

THE CHAIRMAN: And Houma. We will have three meetings, is that sufficient?

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: Lake Charles, Baton Rouge, Houma and New Orleans. We may have to go across the river.

MR. SCHAFER: We have quite a few people from Plaquemines Parish come up and I am pretty sure they are interested in expressing their views and will come up.

MR. WILLE: Burt, put Port Sulphur down there.





DIRECTOR ANGELLE: We have been at all these hearings at the legislature and you just don't imagine how much interest there is in this thing. We are liable to end up with 500 or 600 people at some of these hearings.

MR. DUPUY: Does the staff have to be there?

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: No, the staff is not invited. Only the Commission members.

THE CHAIRMAN: Let me run this by and see how this fits your pistol.

On January 29 we will hold the first meeting in Houma.

On the 12th of February we will hold the second meeting in Lake Charles.

On the 19th of February we will hold the third meeting in New Orleans.

On the 26th of February we will hold the fourth meeting in Baton Rouge.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: And you may have a wrap-up meeting here in New Orleans.

MR. WILLE: What about the Plaquemines Parish folks?



THE CHAIRMAN: You don't think the people from Plaquemines Parish will be in New Orleans?

MR. WILLE: Instead of having it in New Orleans, let's have it there.

MR. GILBERT: Mr. Chairman, the way you have it set up, you have three consecutive meetings in February. Would it be possible to extend one of those into March?

Then the second point, Mr. Yancey suggested for your recommendation a Friday night meeting rather than a Saturday.

MR. YANCEY: Not necessarily Friday night. During the week at night, you usually get a good turnout.

MR. WILLE: How about Port Sulphur?

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Wille wants one in Port Sulphur.

MR. McGOVERN: Mr. Chairman, on behalf of the Louisiana Wildlife Federation, I might suggest that the New Orleans meeting and the Baton Rouge meeting are crucial because this is such an antagonistic problem with the local sportsmen.

Really, as you know from the hearings



and the past history of this, it is a real serious problem. I might point out that if a New Orleans meeting is scheduled for February 19, I believe Mardi Gras is the 22nd, and it might be better to have that meeting at the end of the others in March, as Mr. Gilbert has suggested.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, I am open to any suggestions. I am flexible, if somebody will come up with a schedule that will fit everybody's pistol, it is OK with me.

MR. McGOVERN: I just thought I would mention that.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Yancey, you have heard the recommendations. Why don't you take this calendar and circle the dates you think might be appropriate for us to have these hearings and then we will see if everybody is agreeable.

MR. McGOVERN: Thank you very much.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, sir. Glad to have you with us. I like Mr. Gilbert's suggestion that we have them in the middle of the week somewhere at night. That suits me fine.

MR. WILLE: Well, if we are going to be



here in New Orleans, couldn't we have a meeting here Friday night and a meeting in Plaquemines Saturday? We are right in this area.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: The legislature didn't say how many. They just said a representative number of hearings.

MR. WILLE: We could have the meeting here Friday night and then go down there on Saturday and that way get the maximum number of people attending.

THE CHAIRMAN: Would four meetings suffice, or do we need to have six or eight?

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: I think we need to have at least five, and spread them out.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, I am going to call a five-minute recess while they are working this out. We will call the meeting back to order in five minutes.

(Whereupon, a brief recess was taken.)

AFTER THE RECESS:

THE CHAIRMAN: I am going to call the meeting back to order.



I have a proposed agenda here for the meetings just discussed. They are all scheduled for Wednesday night, except the one here in New Orleans is scheduled for Monday night, to coincide with the regular Commission meeting.

We have Lake Charles on February 9,  
7:00 p.m., Wednesday night.

Baton Rouge, March 2, Wednesday night,  
7:00 p.m. also.

Port Sulphur, March 9.

Houma, March 16.

And as I said, the New Orleans meeting will be March 28, which is a Monday night. That will also be at 7:00 p.m. in this Commission office.

Does anybody have any objections to that?

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: We will make a list of this immediately and send it on to the Commission members.

THE CHAIRMAN: Lake Charles, February 9; Baton Rouge, March 2; Port Sulphur, March 9; Houma, March 16. These four meetings are on Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. New Orleans meeting, Monday, March 28, 7:00 p.m.



Does anybody have any questions on that? (No response) I can't believe everybody is agreeable to it.

I notice we have a new member of the press with us, Miss Valerie Haynes of the Times-Picayune. We are glad to have you, Valerie. The press table is over here on the right any time you wish to sit with us.

I will now throw the nominations open for the election of Chairman and Vice Chairman. We will elect a Chairman first. Do we have any nominations?

MR. WILLE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to place in nomination a name that I think has done a real good job for the Commission in the past year and has had a good rapport with the legislature and a good open-door policy with the Governor, and I would like to place in renomination the name of Doyle Berry.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Wille. Do we have a second?

MR. LUTTRELL: Yes, I will second that.

THE CHAIRMAN: Do we have any other



nominations for Chairman?

(No response)

MR. WILLE: I move that it be by acclamation.

MR. LUTTRELL: I second that.

THE CHAIRMAN: We have a motion and second. All in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

So ordered.

The nominations are now open for Vice Chairman.

MR. LUTTRELL: Mr. Chairman, it gives me great pleasure to nominate Don Wille. I think you two deserve each other.

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, that's a pretty good dig! There has been some talk, I know, of Mr. Lapeyre serving as Vice Chairman. However, he has not been on the Commission as long as Mr. Wille has and there are those who feel that Mr. Wille should serve as Vice Chairman at this time.

May I have a second to that nomination?



MR. GILBERT: I would like to second that nomination and move that his nomination be accepted by acclamation.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, you have heard the motion. Do I have a second to his motion?

MR. DUPUY: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Marc Dupuy seconds the motion. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

So ordered.

The date for the January meeting has been set for the 24th and 25th.

MR. YANCEY: How about your May hunting regulations meeting?

THE CHAIRMAN: Why don't you make a recommendation on that, Dick?

MR. YANCEY: I think your regular May meeting date would be May 23 and 24. That would be your regular Commission meeting date but if you could hold your May meeting on May 20 and 21, Friday and Saturday, you could have your public





meeting on the hunting regulations.

MR. WILLE: You are going to have that in Bossier this year, aren't you?

MR. GILBERT: What is that?

MR. YANCEY: Every year the Commission has a public hearing for recommendations on seasons and bag limits and it is important to set the time and place of that hearing early. You could have your May meeting on Friday and Saturday in conjunction with that hearing rather than on Monday and Tuesday. Friday and Saturday would be the 20th and 21st of May, or perhaps you would like the 27th and 28th of May.

MR. GILBERT: Mr. Chairman, I don't know in the past whether these meetings have been held in New Orleans or Alexandria. I believe that some have been held in Alexandria.

MR. WILLE: We move them all over the state.

MR. GILBERT: I would offer that the meeting be held in Monroe on that particular meeting. I don't believe that you have had a meeting of the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission in Monroe



and especially one that would set the hunting dates, bag limits and so forth. If the Commission has no objection, I would certainly like to see this May meeting in Monroe.

MR. LUTTRELL: Gentlemen, I think that we of the Commission should give people all over the state an opportunity to come in, and we haven't had one in that area in so long -- as far as I know we have never had one -- and I would like to second his motion.

MR. WILLE: I would like to say one thing, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Gilbert being the newest member of the Commission, I think it would be an excellent idea to have it in the Monroe area so that the people in that area especially could be acquainted with him, so they will know what his phone number is and be able to call him in the middle of the night like they do me!

(Laughter)

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair options to set the meeting in Monroe on the 20th and 21st of May.

Gentlemen of the Commission, I appreciate your confidence in reelecting me as your Chairman.



I will try to do you a good job in the coming year.  
With a little help I think I can make it.

Is there anything else to come before  
the Commission this morning? Does anybody else  
wish to say anything?

(No response)

We stand adjourned.

. . . . Whereupon, at 10:55  
o'clock a.m. on Tuesday,  
December 14, 1976, the regular  
monthly meeting of the Board of  
Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries  
Commission was adjourned. . . .

Kathryn G. Chamberlin  
Reporter.



C E R T I F I C A T E

I, the undersigned reporter, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct transcription of the tape recording and stenographic notes of the proceedings herein, made and transcribed by me, at the time and place hereinbefore noted, being the proceedings of the Board Meeting of Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, this 19th day of January, 1977.

  
Kathryn G. Chamberlin

